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December 4th, 1919

The Honourable Manning W. Doherty,
Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

The annual committees of the Senate of the University of Toronto are now being formed and by statute there is a representative on the Senate of the Ontario Veterinary College. At present the representative is Emeritus Professor F.A.A. Grange. Would you be kind enough to let me know as soon as possible whether you wish that Dr. Grange shall be continued as your representative or whether you prefer to have Principal MacCallivray?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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November 24th, 1919

The Honourable E. C. Drury,
Premier of Ontario,
Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Drury:

I am writing to you so as to confirm the matters about which we spoke on Friday. First, that you and Mr. Grant will come to the University on Saturday morning at 10:30, when I will be glad to show you the main buildings of the University. Also, that the informal dinner which the Governors of the University wish to give to the Cabinet in Hart House will be held on Wednesday evening, December 3rd, at 6:30.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

Toronto, January 12, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert,-

I am anxious to secure definite information as to just what is being done to assist returned soldiers who desire to take any of the regular courses at our colleges or universities, and I thought you might be able to help me in this regard. I understand the subject has been under consideration in a general way for some time past, but I am unaware as to whether or not any final decision has been arrived at. I should be glad if you would advise me as to just what is being done by the Federal Government in the way of assisting returned men who desire to attend colleges or universities, and also whether the University of Toronto or other universities in Canada which have come under your notice are adopting any plans by way of remission of fees or otherwise to supplement what is being done by the Federal authorities.

I may say that the question has arisen in connection with a number of returned men who are in attendance at the Ontario Agricultural College, and I am anxious to obtain full information on the subject before coming to a final decision as to what should be done in this instance. Thanking you for your trouble, I am,

Yours very truly,

J Manning McDoherty

Minister of Agriculture.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

January 19th, 1920

The Honourable Manning Doherty,
Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Doherty:

I am sorry that I am unable to give you any satisfactory information with regard to what is being done to assist returned soldiers who may desire to take any of the regular courses at our Colleges or Universities because the Dominion Government has definitely refused to do anything. For over a year now the Universities of the Dominion have sought to secure help for these men, and I have gone to Ottawa five times and interviewed seven or eight Ministers from the Prime Minister down. We have also used the Press, but all to no purpose.

In these circumstances the University itself had to take steps. We have about 1100 returned men in attendance, of whom nearly 400 are living on their gratuities. It has become necessary therefore for us to raise a loan and scholarship fund, and at present we are busily engaged upon that. It goes pretty slowly, but I have hope that we shall be able to secure enough money to meet the needs of the students.

The Board of Governors have agreed to allow the fees to stand unpaid by those to whom the Alumni Committee has granted a loan, so that for the next year or two returned men who are in absolute need should be able to get through, though they will have a pretty heavy burden upon them through these loans, but it is the best that can be done in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

Toronto, February 3, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert,-

The suggestion has been submitted to me that the time is opportune for establishing a post graduate course in rural economics in connection with the University of Toronto, and I would be glad to have your view of the matter.

On the one hand, I recognize that comparatively little work has been done on this subject in the regular courses either at the Ontario Agricultural College or the University itself. On the other hand, there are those who feel that the subject is of such urgent present importance that an opportunity should be given those who take a B.S.A. degree, or even a B.A. or Science degree, to specialize in this course if their inclinations guide them in that direction.

I quite realize that there are several aspects involved from the administrative as well as from the academic standpoint and am merely bringing the matter to your notice for the purposes of discussion at the present time in the hope that possibly later on, if not at present, something of this nature may be found practicable.

Yours very truly,

Manning W. Doherty

Minister of Agriculture.

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Please say that after I return bring this up last week
I will write him

February 6th, 1920

The Honourable Manning W. Doherty,
Minister of Agriculture,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

Sir Robert Falconer has been confined to his house all this week with a cold, and he has asked me to say that he hopes to be in his office next week, when he will answer your letter of the 3rd inst.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

May 11th, 1920

The Honourable Manning Doherty,
Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

My dear Mr. Doherty:

On my return from the United States I find your letter. I am intending to place in the estimates which are being prepared an amount to cover the appointment in Farm Economics.

Many thanks for the two names that you have suggested to me. I have already made inquiries about one, and I will make inquiries about the other. I have also got information with regard to what is possible through Professor Carver of Harvard. I sincerely hope that we shall be able to make a satisfactory arrangement for the course for next winter. I will communicate with you later with regard to this.

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 17th, 1920

The Honourable Manning Doherty,
Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Many thanks for your letter with the enclosure from Professor Pickett. The letter is a good one and he seems to be a very likely man. I have made some enquiries and will soon make some more because as you realise we must get the best possible person, but I will keep you acquainted with what I am doing.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 28th, 1920

The Honourable Manning Dougherty,
Minister of Education,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

For a number of years the Department of Agriculture has made a payment to the University of $4350 annually for instruction to Veterinary College students in Physiology, Botany and Chemistry. Two years ago Physics was added without any increase in the grant. Now, however, the increasing cost of everything at the University, and the necessity of paying higher salaries has made the regular grant insufficient, and by authority of the Board of Governors I have been instructed to communicate with you to see whether you could not increase the grant to $5000. I shall be glad to see you any time with regard to the matter.

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